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SUBJECT: LAO VOLAG CONTRACTS

REF: (A) GENEVA 6865 (B) STATE 211586

1. D/HA APPRECIATES MISSION'S SUGGESTION OUTLINED IN REFTEL "A". HOWEVER, WE DO NOT THINK IT WISE TO CHANGE BILLING PROCEDURES AT THIS LATE DATE WITH ALMOST ALL OF THE REFUGEES UNDER THE LAO CONTRACTS ALREADY IN THE UNITED STATES. WE ALSO ASSUME THAT MOST OF THE VOLAG BILLINGS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED, BUT WILL HAVE A BETTER INDICATION WHEN INVOICES ARE RECEIVED (PARA. 1, REFTEL "A"). FURTHERMORE, A CHANGE AT THIS TIME WOULD TEND TO CONFUSE THE VOLAGS AND CAUSE FURTHER ACCOUNTING PROBLEMS.

2. VOLAGS WILL RECEIVE PAYMENTS PROMPTLY IF THEY FOLLOW PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN REFTEL "B" ON WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN FULLY INFORMED. PROPER CONTROLS ARE PROVIDED UNDER THE SYSTEM AND IT HAS BEEN WORKING EXTREMELY WELL WHERE THE VOLAG SENDS AN INFO COPY OF THE BILLING TO D/HA. AS NOTED IN PARA. 3, REFTEL "B", D/HA CAN IMMEDIATELY REQUEST INFO COPIES FROM THE VOLAG/NY OFFICE IF MISSION WILL DELAY PAY-
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MENT AND NOTIFY D/HA IN THOSE CASES WHERE D/HA AUTHORIZATION

HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THE MISSION. THIS WILL PROVIDE

THE CONTROLS NEEDED TO AUDIT THE CONTRACTS AND CLOSE OUT THE PROGRAM EFFICIENTLY WITHOUT FURTHER CONFUSION TO THE VOLAGS.

3. IT WAS NOT THE INTENT OF PARA. 2, REFTEL "B" FOR MISSION TO FURNISH D/HA WITH THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES RESETTLED BY VOLAGS. PARAGRAPH WAS SUPPLIED AS BACKGROUND ONLY TO ESTABLISH RATIONALE FOR URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR COPIES OF INVOICES. FOR YOUR INFORMATION LAO CONTRACTS ARE NOT CONTROLLED BY TASK FORCE COMPUTER, BUT ARE MAINTAINED MANUALLY IN D/HA. THIS IS WHY WE NEED TO VERIFY EACH AND EVERY REFUGEE RESETTLED UNDER THE LAO CONTRACTS SO THAT D/HA CAN DETERMINE CORRECT NUMBER OF REFUGEES AND AMEND THE CONTRACTS ACCORDINGLY.

4. THIS MESSAGE DISCUSSED WITH STEIN. ROBINSON

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